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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report**1. With regard to the elements of the international application:***

- the international application as originally filed.
- the description, pages , as originally filed,
pages , filed with the demand,
pages , received on with the letter of
- the claims, pages , as originally filed,
pages , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,
pages , filed with the demand,
pages , received on with the letter of
- the drawings, pages , as originally filed,
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- the sequence listing part of the description:
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
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- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages
- the claims, Nos.
- the drawings, sheets/fig.

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-28	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-28	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-28	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The present application is directed to compounds which are transition state analogues of purine nucleoside phosphorylase, pharmaceutical compositions and uses of these compounds in the treatment of disease.

The following documents are considered for the purposes of this opinion:

D1 WO 2002 018371

D2 WO 1999 019338

D3 Evans G. B. et al., J. Med. Chem., 2003, 46, 3412-3423

D4 Lewandowicz A. et al., Biochemistry, 2003, 42, 2057-6066

Documents D3 and D4 were published prior to the international filing date of the present application but later than the priority date claimed. Under the PCT guidelines, such documents are excluded from consideration during international preliminary examination, however, D3 and D4 are nevertheless included here for the purpose of information. This is based on the assumption that the claimed priority date is valid. If this date is subsequently found to be invalid, then D3 and D4 may become relevant during national examination.

D1 and D2 disclose compounds which differ to those in the present application. In both of these documents the nitrogen of the azasugar is in the 1 position and the base is attached to the two position. In the present application the nitrogen of the azasugar is in either the 1 or the 2 position and the base is attached through this nitrogen. Therefore, the claims of the present application are novel in the light of D1 and D2.

Neither D1 or D2 suggest the compounds of the present application. Claims 1-28 are inventive in the light of these citations.

The subject matter defined in the claims is considered to be industrially applicable.

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